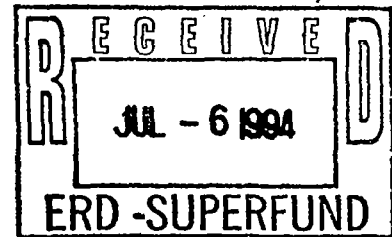


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July 1, 1994

William F. Bradford, Chief
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MDNR, P.O. Box 30426
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Re: Albion-Sheridan Township Landfill,
Calhoun County, Michigan
Mr. & Mrs. Luster Prater

Dear Mr. Bradford:

Mr. & Mrs. Luster Prater requested that we reply to your letter dated June 2, 1994.

I understand that your determination of the potential responsibility of the Prater's in this matter results from their acquisition of approximately five (5) acres of land from Jerome Richardson in 1991.

This land is adjacent to their homestead which was acquired in early 1960. I am informed that no claim is made relative to the homestead property.

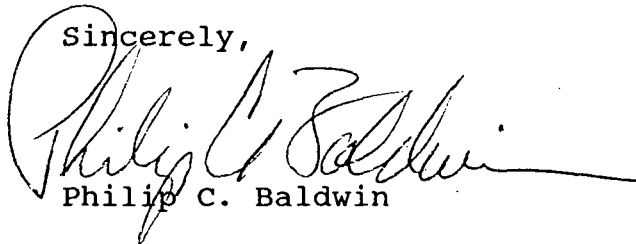
The Prater's in no way participated in or contributed to the contamination of the landfill property. They acquired the property long after the contamination is alleged to have occurred. They had no knowledge of the alleged contamination and were assured by the person who sold the property to them that the land was clean.

At the time they purchased the land, the Prater's had no reason to believe that the assurances made to them by the seller were other than correct.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that Mr. and Mrs. Luster Prater be removed from the schedule of potentially responsible parties in this matter and be determined to be "exempt" or "defensible" persons.

Sincerely,



Philip C. Baldwin

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Luster Prater